

**Our Visit to Johnson Co., Mo.**

After filling our regular appointments at Adrian, Mo., June 16th, we went on the 17th to Centerview, Johnson Co. Had four meetings in the M. E. church. Attendance was good. Interest increased with each meeting. We received into fellowship by relation, four members, brother and sister Elhanan Roop, and daughter, sister Ship, and Bro. Jonas Leedy.

Closing on the evening of the 20th, we went to Warrensburg, and on the 22nd, were taken by Bro. John Culp to what is known as the Mineral Creek G. B. church, presided over by S. S. M.

Held five meetings. Received into fellowship, Bro. George Laughman and wife. We mention names because the parties are all extensively known to be first class people, and that our work here is not a "swill tub" arrangement. A few more meetings and we have strong reasons to believe that an exceptional influential Brethren organization will be effected in this county.

At Centerview is a large congregation of German Baptists, presided over by Elders Hutchinson and Whitmore. These elders are able men, and men of first-class characters where they live. They are annual meeting men, and that is their privilege. God bless them. Their members turned out well at our meetings and showed respect.

We are exceedingly sorry that the expelling Bishop's reputation is below par at his own home. We think his days of influence are nearly numbered. We know it is at Centerview, and in his own congregation.

Having traveled and formed pretty thorough acquaintance in our Western field, we feel safe in saying that there is not a more promising field for the Brethren church in the West, than in Johnson Co., Mo. A little mission work and the cause here would be self-supporting, and assistance for other fields would be realized. O that we were able to more thoroughly possess the field. We have now seven members here. A little more work and we will have many more with quality not excelled.

These were the first meetings ever held here by the Brethren.

On Friday, July 27th, we enjoyed the pleasure, morning and evening, to hear the noted Sam Jones preach at Pertle Springs. Individuality is prominent in the man. He is positively himself, and that fact gives him power. Let every other preacher take warning and not play Sam Jones, and thus avoid making a fool of himself.

On Saturday, July 28th, we returned home, and found family well.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

**S. S. Picnic.**

"All work and no play, make Jack a dull boy."

So thought the Winchester, Miamisburg and Farmersville Sunday schools when they arranged to hold a harvest, or union picnic.

This Sunday school basket meeting was held July 28th, at "Coler Road," a flag station on the Mackinaw R. R. It was, when appointed, expected to be a small meeting, but it developed into a large one. Bro. Beachler, with about 80 or 90 from the Miamisburg church was early

on the ground. Winchester, Bro. Joe Bookwalter, Supt., was present in force. West Alexandria had a fair representation, a number dropped down by rail, while others came by private conveyance. Bear Creek had a small representation. The Ludlow Falls Sunday school picnic probably attracted the Bear Creek people. The falls is a nice place for a meeting of any kind.

All the Farmersville schools were represented. The people continued to come until about 2 p. m., when probably 500 were on the ground. The shady grove and the fine springs of cool water contributed very much to the comfort of the people. Exercises commenced soon after 10 a. m. Bro. Tombaugh, Bro. Ridenour and Bro. Bakely, of the Reform church, were present. The latter not being well, took but little part in the exercises.

Bro. R. did not come to appear before the people, but to meet his friends and for a brief respite from the sorrows which do so weigh us down when death invades our homes. Bro. T. was almost alone in managing the meeting, but he was equal to the occasion.

The Farmersville school gave two declamations and one essay, all good, also a number of pieces of music. But Winchester took the ribbon. She excelled in the number of declamations and in her number of singers. Their little Cicero (Thomas) gave three declamations and surprised every one who heard him. I will not give names as I do not remember the names of several who took part in the exercises. Bro. Beachler's school did not understand that declamations were to be a prominent feature of the meeting, but I have no doubt that they will step to the front next time.

West Alexandria school will also be heard from. The program was that the entire afternoon should be devoted to recreation. But the people insisted that they came to hear speaking. Bro. Ridenour was prevailed on to make a brief talk. He spoke of the power of the Sunday school for good. His remarks were very appropriate and commanded the closest attention.

Bro. Tombaugh was then prevailed on to speak. He addressed himself to the children, a large number being present. His text was, "Children obey your parents." The address was an excellent one, and if parents could appropriate this address and use it in training their children, it would, in many cases save the parent much sorrow and humiliation and a great blessing to the child. Bro. T.'s several years' of school teaching has qualified him to talk successfully to the children.

All seemed in good humor and to have enjoyed the meeting.

C. A. COLER.

Farmersville, Ohio.

**North Manchester Items.**

On the 14th and 15th, I preached for the Brethren at the Eagle Lake church, near Warsaw. I went to supply Bro. J. H. Palmer's place, he being away.

The Brethren at Warsaw are active and courageous. The class is small yet, but will grow. Bro. Palmer should feel encouraged in what he has done there. He should be encouraged, too, to do still more. He is well thought of.

While at Warsaw, I met Dr. White, and old student of Ashland College. The students who attend school at Ashland College the first year of the school, will remember Park White. The Dr. is located at Warsaw now, and has a large practice. He is as "jolly" as ever.

I met, too, on my way home from Warsaw, our dear old Bro. and sister, Joseph Shoemaker, at Clay Pool. They are well, and express themselves as growing stronger in the service of God, as they are nearing home. It makes an old friend happy to visit them.

On the evening of July 16th, I heard a native Japanese, lecture in the M. E. church in Manchester. The lecture was only twenty-one years old. He was converted to Christianity in 1884, and came to America in 1886 to receive a thorough Christian education in our best schools, in order that he might be enabled to effectively preach the gospel to his native brethren.

The young man is poor, and is helping himself through school largely, by lecturing during the vacations. He has many adverse circumstances to meet. He could not speak the English language when he came to this country, but now he speaks it quite well. It makes my soul rejoice to see a young man helping himself to so high a calling under discouraging circumstances. Do not become discouraged, brother, put you hand fully in God's and He will help you.

Among the good thing the lecturer told us were: 1st. That Christianity is making rapid progress in Japan. In 1865, said he, there were six Christians; in 1875, 8,000; in 1885 nearly 15,000. The young man's soul lighted up, as he gave those facts. A bright day was before them. It had already come. It made me think, while listening to the young speaker, of Paul's writing in Romans where he says, "The night is far spent, the day is at hand." But, kind reader, what have you and I done to help on the progress of Christianity in Japan or any other foreign land? Stop, think, act.

Again, he said that the native preachers were persecuted very much in their work. One was preaching one day, when he was stricken by a stone. He calmly picked up the stone without any resistance and laid it away. A new church house was soon built, this stone was then used as a corner stone. May we not call it a "corner stone of love?" It was an object sermon on love. What could have been the influence of that sermon on the heathen? That was ripe fruit from the tree of life. Can we not preach more object sermons on love than we do? The influence will be untold. A corner stone of love never crumbles and is never effaced.

July the 25th, I visited the Brethren at Roann. They are in excellent working condition. Bro. Fitzgerald's work at Roann has been blessed. The Sister's Society of Christian Endeavor is full of energy. We were fortunate to meet with them as a body and see how they work. The products of their needles are turned into money, then, over to the Lord. Workers always find a way.

July the 31st, I listened to Dr. Talmage at Lakeside at Warsaw. His subject was, "Big Blunders."

The Dr. did well as usual, but I must say I was disappointed. Others were too. We were wholly to blame, however, for our disappointment. We allowed our expectations to be wrought up to too high a pitch before going. I learned this lesson over again more forcibly, that man is always man, and that Dr. Talmage has worked like other men who succeed, to get what he has got. I thank God for great men, and that we all have the privilege and power to rise higher than we are, if we will.

To say that the Dr. said many good things about "big blunders" would faintly express the fact. I will not attempt any comment here on the nature of the Dr.'s success, as he is too well known. But let me say this, however, by way of exhortation, do not allow your expectations to be worked up so high before going to hear our great Drs. as I did Dr. Talmage. The lecture or sermon will do you more good, if you do not.

We are glad to hear of the College work at Ashland, as moving forward. We shall use catalogues sent to us to the best advantage we can. May God bless the work everywhere.

W. C. PERRY.

**Ashland, Ohio.**

At the request of Bro. I. N. Miller, of Buchanan, Mich., I left home on Wednesday July 25th, for South Bend, Ind., to assist him in holding a woods, or basket meeting, near Fairview chapel about eight miles west of South Bend. On my way out I stopped off with the Brethren at Brighton, Ind., and visited there two days. I found the Brighton brethren as busy as Progressives can be finishing their new meeting house which they are building. They expect to dedicate about the last of August. They are building a beautiful country house, of which they need not be ashamed spiritually. I also found them in excellent health, and in the discharge of their Christian duties as faithful soldiers.

We had no appointments at Brighton for preaching, but when it was known that I was in their midst a social meeting was called, and what a good meeting it was. Here we met nearly every member of the Brighton church, and quite a number that are not members yet, but who certainly will or ought to be. We found the converts of last winter all true and faithful and greatly interested in the work.

On Saturday morning July 28th, I started for South Bend where I was met, and taken to Fairview chapel where we had preaching on Saturday evening. On Sunday morning we met in the grove near by and here we had preaching in the morning and also in the afternoon at 3 P. M., and in the evening we went to the chapel again. We had large congregations in the grove and the best of order and attention.

This was my first visit to that part of Ind., and I can say without fear of contradiction that part of Hoosierdom is equal to any emergency. I cannot mention all with whom I became acquainted, but must make mention of sister H. Hellen Frame who is the solicitor for Ashland University at that place. She

has succeeded in raising about \$100 (if I am not mistaken) and has collected and sent in one third of it already, and will have the balance on hand by the 14th of Sept. If we just had one more such sister as sister Frame in each church appointed as College solicitor how soon the debt would be paid.

I was very favorably impressed with the people and country around South Bend, and I hope they can say as much of our work amongst them though performed in weakness and fear.

Bro. Miller is pastor of the Fairview church and is highly respected by the people, and is certainly doing a good work.

I arrived at home on Monday July 30th, pretty tired and dusty. Many thanks to you dear brethren and sisters of Brighton and Fairview for your many kindnesses shown to me, and I remain your unworthy brother in Christ. Fraternally,

ISAAC KILHEFNER.

**OUR CHURCH.**

Bro. S. E. Shook expects to return to Ashland this week.

Bro. J. M. Tombaugh will be in Illinois next Lord's Day.

Bro. Isaac Kilhefner visited North Liberty last Lord's Day.

Sister Annie Enslow, of Pasadena, Cal., has gone before. July 12th.

The EVANGELIST will be sent to any address to Jan. 1st, 1889, for fifty cent.

Bro. J. H. Swihart was on the sick list last week; we hope he has fully recovered.

Bro. David Bailey is spending several days at his old home in the Southern part of Ohio.

Bro. Jerrold writes very encouragingly of the work in Virginia. Six meetings at Frontville were very successful.

The program of the Pennsylvania State Convention appears in this issue. The Elders of that state should see what they have to do.

COMMUNION:—The Brethren of the Mound Church, Bates Co., Mo., expect to hold a communion meeting, Sept. 15th. A general invitation is extended to the members of adjoining congregations, especially ministering brethren. Aaron Showalter, Adrian, Mo.

Our protracted meeting at Bridgeport, Pa., Mount Zion Church, will commence on Saturday evening, September first, to continue for two weeks at least, with communion meeting on Sunday evening the 16th. All are invited. Stephen Hildebrand, Jones Mills, Pa.

Morrill, Kas., July 30, '88.—Bro. Bashor began preaching at Pony Creek, Kan., last Thursday evening. Friday evening a heavy rain interfered with the meeting. Saturday evening house full, on Sunday a general outpour of the people, many coming over from Sabetha, among which were brethren of other denominations. After forenoon service four of the Sabetha converts were baptized. Sunday evening one confession. Last night four more. Services closing with an unusually deep interest throughout the congregation. Bro. Bashor has lost none of his old time energy and power. He wields the sword of the spirit with precision and effect. The trumpet is sounded and all are prepared for the battle. Jacob Lichty.

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